

TEXAS LEADS THE WAY

Between 1945 and 1965, the Texas Highway Department constructed more than 15,000 new bridges and thousands of miles of roads to upgrade infrastructure and serve an expanding population.



AFTER WORLD WAR II, TEXAS WAS BOOMING — AND BUILDING

POPULATION GROWTH

1930



1965



VEHICLE REGISTRATION

1945



1955



MORE + MORE = MORE NEED FOR ROADS & BRIDGES

INTERSTATE BRIDGES

BY 1959, TEXAS HAD BUILT



FARM-TO-MARKET ROADS

1948

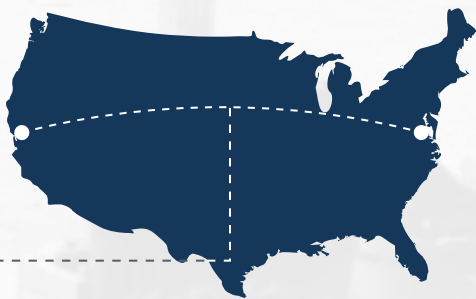
7.5K MILES

VS

1965

36K MILES

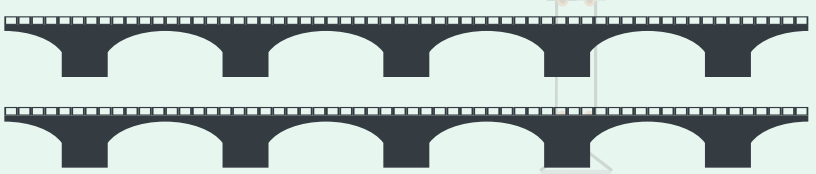
YOU COULD TRAVEL
12 TIMES
COAST TO COAST
ON TEXAS FARM-TO-MARKET ROADS



TEXAS BUILT FAST FOR LESS

2 BRIDGES PER DAY FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS!

60% MORE ROAD BUILT PER DOLLAR COMPARED TO THE NATIONAL AVERAGE



Texas

National Average

TEXAS INNOVATION PAVED THE WAY

TEXAS INVENTED TWO NEW BRIDGE TYPES

FS SLAB BRIDGE



PAN-FORMED GIRDER BRIDGE



BRIDGE LENGTH INCREASED

PREWAR
1939



POSTWAR
1961



65%